

# NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

## NORFOLK LADY'S HARD TASK

Fight of Long Standing in Daughters of Confederacy Chapter.

### RICHMOND NEWS LETTER

Effort to Expel Member of Old Dominion Chapter Leads to the Employment of Counsel—The Annual Report of State Treasurer Harman—Executive Clemency as a Christmas Gift—President Visited.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Page, of Norfolk, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has a hard task on her hands, for to her today was delegated the task of settling a fight of long standing in the ranks of Old Dominion Chapter, of this city.

At the last election of officers of the Richmond Chapter, when the name of Mrs. Benjamin L. Purcell, who had been regent for several terms, was again proposed, Mrs. William H. Graham expressed the opinion that there should be rotation in office, and introduced a resolution to that effect.

The resolution was defeated and Mrs. Purcell re-elected. Mrs. Graham thereupon became angry, and her remarks were such that the chapter determined to expel her.

She would not be expelled, however, but procured counsel in the person of Judge L. L. Lewis, former president of the Supreme Court. The chapter retained Capt. A. B. Guilgon.

Both these gentlemen were present at today's meeting, and after a most acrimonious discussion it was found that an agreement was impossible. The matter was therefore referred to the State Regent.

### STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual report of A. W. Harman, Jr., Treasurer of Virginia, has been made public. It covers the fiscal year ended September 30, 1899. Comparison of figures from the principal table, marked statement A, showing the account of the Treasurer with the Commonwealth, with the exhibit made in the same table for the previous fiscal year, develops some interesting facts.

For the year just ended, there is a total balance to the credit of the State of \$905,942.45, as compared with a balance of \$236,831.73, for the previous year, showing an increase of \$669,110.72. The large increase in the balance, considered in itself, would be cause for congratulation, but to arrive at a just estimate of the financial condition of the State, the following statement of facts, made yesterday in the Auditor's office, must be borne in mind.

First. Nearly \$100,000 of the approximate cost of a session of the Legislature, was an offset against the smaller balance for 1898. No session of the Legislature occurring or being chargeable to the account of the last fiscal year, the balance is increased by the amount of the cost of a session of the Assembly.

Second. Nearly \$250,000 of the balance resulted from operation of the delinquent tax laws, the fund from this source covering redemptions for several years past, so that the amount is not a criterion by which to gauge the average revenue from this source.

Third. The revenue from the collateral inheritance tax, which amounted in the fiscal year ending in 1898 to \$14,268.22, against \$67,156.42 for this year, was swelled abnormally by receipts from the Ginter estate and from the estate of one other wealthy Virginian. The average yearly income from this source is estimated at about \$30,000.

These are a few of the principal considerations to be taken into account in connection with the figures in the Treasurer's report. Reduction of criminal expenses is also a consideration.

The indications of substantial improvement in conditions in the State, it was pointed out in the Auditor's office, were the figures showing increased receipts from taxes on banks, insurance companies, railroads and charter fees, the increase indicating greater activity in the commercial pursuits.

The opinion was expressed in conclusion that the State finances are in a healthy state, and that only injudicious action on the part of the Legislature would prevent the meeting of the increased interest of \$180,000 per annum on the State debt, after July 1, 1901, without embarrassment.

### EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

The custom of the executive office of Virginia, observed by all the Governors for the past eighteen years, of granting clemency to convicts will not be departed from by Governor Tyler, who is now considering a list of names of convicts deemed most worthy of pardon.

Among the names under consideration is that of St. Louis man, who is serving a long term for murder committed in the Southwest. There were extenuating circumstances, and it would not be surprising if the man should receive pardon this Christmas.

There are several others who will probably be made happy at this season of peace and good will.

### CALED ON THE PRESIDENT.

Governor Tyler and a committee of the Colonial Dames are in Washington today calling upon the President and high Government officials in the interests of the attempt to have a first-class battleship named "Virginia."

### KILLED BY A FALL.

Miss Henrietta A. Bass, who was so badly injured last Sunday night by a fall on the steps of Centenary Church, died at 10 o'clock this morning at her residence, No. 168 East Clay street.

### PETERSBURG.

DEATH OF A LADY—ILLNESS—ENTERTAINMENT.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Cornelia Plummer, whose critical illness has been announced, died at her home on High street last night at 9 o'clock, all of her children but two being with

her when she died. The deceased was a daughter of the late Col. John Peterson, of Prince George county, who for some years was a resident of Petersburg, and the widow of the late S. A. Plummer, of this city. She is survived by thirteen children. The deceased was one of the best known ladies in the city, and her death will be regretted by a host of devoted friends and acquaintances.

### CRITICALLY ILL.

Mr. Thomas F. Rives, a civil engineer of Dinwiddie, is critically ill at his home in that county. Mr. Rives is widely known in Petersburg, where he has a host of friends, who will regret to learn of his illness.

### FOR THE CHILDREN.

Commencing at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, December 16th, the young ladies of St. Paul's Church will serve delicious chocolate and cake in the school building. For the children there will be an interesting "grab-bag," and both old and young are invited to call during the day, and assist a most worthy cause.

### LEXINGTON.

STORE BURNED—KILLED BRUI—BRIEF MENTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Lexington, Va., Dec. 14.—Mr. J. I. Hill, principal of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School, at Western, is in Lexington visiting the friends of his childhood. Mr. Hill was reared near Lexington and attended the late Jacob Fuller's Grammar School, a noted antebellum educational institution. With the exception of passing through here during the civil war with General Early's army, this is his first visit to his early home since the year of his graduation at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, in 1882.

### STORE BURNED.

Wilmore & Sheltman, general merchants at Cornwell, this county, lost their building and stock of goods by fire, which started from a defective stove running through the roof. The household effects of Mr. Sheltman, who lived in the same building, were also destroyed. No insurance was carried.

### KILLED A BEAR.

Messrs. Jake Smith and the Hostetter brothers, noted bear hunters of Rockbridge, report that they killed a large bear on Bratton's Run, in Gooch Pass. Bears are frequently seen in this section of the county. A few days ago a large deer was killed on Buffalo by John McClelland, who was working building a house. The deer came within a short distance of the workmen and stopped, when the animal was shot.

### BRIEF MENTION.

Short Hill, a long mountain near Lexington, has been on fire for several days. The underbrush was set on fire so that pasture next summer would be improved. No damage has been done. The firemen report wild turkeys plentiful in the county. From one section we hear that a lucky hunter bagged ten turkeys. At Brownsburg the merchants shipped 1,000 of this popular fowl for the Thanksgiving market.

Lieutenant George M. Brooke, son of Colonel George M. Brooke, of the Virginia Military Institute faculty, left Monday to join his regiment at Santiago, Cuba, where he has been assigned to the Fifth Infantry.

Mr. C. A. Seal, the Chesapeake and Ohio depot agent at Gilmore, this county, is quite a genius. He has made for himself a violin, guitar and mandolin, besides many useful household articles, such as washstands, wardrobes and bureaus.

### NEWPORT NEWS.

EARTH TO EARTH—THE LAUNCHING TO-DAY.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Newport News, Va., Dec. 15.—The funeral of Commonwealth's Attorney J. K. M. Newton at 3 o'clock this afternoon was the largest this city ever saw in point of attendance. It was conducted by Rev. J. Francis Ribble, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Rev. George W. Wray, pastor of Washington Avenue Methodist.

The entire bar and court officers attended in a body, as did the city officials, the Council, the police and the Royal Arcanum, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Junior Order of American Mechanics. Wreaths of flowers of magnificent and beautiful designs, as well as armfuls of loose violets and other flowers, were sent to cover the grave in Greenlawn Cemetery, where the body was laid to rest.

### THE SIXTH LAUNCHING.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company will bring to a close the most remarkable year in its history, with the launching of the Cromwell Liner Proteus, which makes the sixth large merchant steamer launched this year, in addition to one large tug.

The vessel that will go overboard today is the second of the Cromwell Line ships. Miss Pauline Antoinette Reareck, daughter of Captain P. A. Reareck, chief inspector of the yard, will christen the vessel, and Miss Josephine Rohrer, daughter of Lieut. Commander Rohrer, of the battleship Kentucky, will act as maid of honor. Messdames Reareck and Rohrer will chaperone the christening party. The Proteus will leave the ways at 8 o'clock.

### A Fatal Gap.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Freeling, Va., Dec. 15.—W. G. Rose, of Clintwood, came through Pound Gap yesterday, where he was beset by a band of robbers, and several shots were fired at him. He saw only one man, however, but there seemed to have been several, who fired from their hiding places. His horse was shot through the neck and ran away with him. Rose went off to the war in Cuba, and was just returning, having been in Kentucky since he was mustered out of service. This Gap is where the Mullins family were murdered in 1891 by the Fleming outlaws, and depredations are reported frequently there.

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## TOWN OF SUFFOLK.

Marriage of Miss Lucy Gatling Cowper and Mr. Thos. M. Riddick.

Was One of the Prettiest Ever Seen in Gateville—A Secret Organization Chartered—Presbyterian Services Over—Suffolk College Musicals.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., December 15.—The social event of the season in Gateville, N. C., happened yesterday at noon. The auditorium of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, bright with decorations of flowers and green plants, and filled with a select assemblage, was the place of a very pretty marriage ceremony. The principals were Miss Lucy Gatling Cowper, daughter of R. B. G. Cowper, and Dr. Thomas M. Riddick, of Woodville, N. C.

Dr. White, of Belvidere, N. C., was best man, and Miss Sallie Grant, of Jackson, N. C., maid of honor. The ushers were Dr. George D. Williams, of North Carolina, and Edward R. Roberts, of Suffolk. The other attendants were: Miss Essie Hayes with Riddick Gatling; Miss Mamie Tennille, of Jackson, N. C., with William R. Cowper; Miss Eple Smith with Dr. Armistead Taylor, of Washington, N. C.; Miss Mary Gatling with T. G. Hayes; Miss Carrie White, of Portsmouth, Va., with B. R. Hayes; Miss Helen Willey with Dr. Williams; Miss Virgilia Riddick with Eugene Williams.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served to a large company at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. G. Cowper. The officiating clergyman was Rev. George M. Tolson, of Hertford, rector of the parish. The bride was given away by her father.

The bridal presents were many and costly.

General W. P. Roberts, of North Carolina, was in this office to-night. He says the marriage was one of the most beautiful he has ever witnessed. The bride is a sister of Mrs. E. R. Roberts, of Suffolk, whom she has visited. She has many friends in Virginia and North Carolina.

### CHARTER GRANTED.

Circuit Judge Robert R. Prentiss, sitting in chambers, to-day granted a charter of incorporation to the Brothers and Sisters Grand Union of the United States. It is a colored secret organization, and also has an insurance feature. The head offices are located in Franklin, Va. The following are named as the chief officers: John W. Washington, supreme grand master; W. H. Overby, supreme organizer; James T. Scott, treasurer. Lawyer Robert W. Withers got the charter.

### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES OVER.

The special ante-communion services at the Presbyterian Church closed to-night. Rev. E. B. McCluer, of Norfolk, preached. Afterwards there was a congregational meeting and election of officers.

Rev. J. F. Love has postponed his engagement at Driver from next Sunday till the following Sunday. There will be no services at the Suffolk Baptist Church Sunday, the pastor to be absent. Rev. J. P. Essex, of Carrsville, Va., will preach at night.

### MARAUDER SHOT AT.

This morning shortly after midnight one of Captain Matthews' sons on Institute street, shot at a man who was prowling around the yard suspiciously. The shot did not make enough impression to stop the person, who made steps rapidly. A blood hound was secured, but the fugitive made good his flight.

A man for some nights had been seen loafing about the premises, and last night an effort was made to stop the practice.

**SUFFOLK COLLEGE MUSICALS.**  
The young women of Suffolk College gave a delightful musical this evening. It was the last of the year. A program of sixteen numbers was interpreted. It included piano solos and duets, recitations and choruses. There was a standing-room audience, which applauded warmly.

### NEWS OF PEOPLE.

Mr. Paul Turner, of Baltimore, special agent of the German-American Fire Insurance Company, visited local Agents Woodward and Elam to-day. Miss Jennie Holland left to-day to be a guest of Norfolk friends for a few days. Little Miss Bessie Holland went with her.

Charlie Daughtrey returned to-day from college to pass holidays with his father, Mr. A. B. Daughtrey.

Hurricane Branch got back to-day from Alexandria.

Dr. M. Q. Holt, a well known Democratic politician of Surry county, was in Suffolk to-day.

The Ministering Circle of King's Daughters met this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Estelle Darden, Bank and Plummer streets.

H. L. Jacobs has some six-weeks-old greyhound pups for sale. Read his ad.

Mr. Lee Bratt went to Petersburg yesterday to attend a board meeting of district stewards. He represented the Main Street Methodist Church.

General W. P. Roberts, of Gateville, N. C., is a guest of former Councilman J. T. Parker.

Mr. William E. Cochran got back to-day from a three months' Southern commercial tour.

Rev. C. W. Robinson, formerly of

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North Gates circuit, but now of the Snow Hill, N. C., Circuit, is visiting Mr. I. O. Hill.

Miss Nettie Smith, of Somerton, Va., is being entertained by Suffolk friends. Mr. J. B. Fuller, of Roanoke, Va., was in Suffolk to-day.

Messrs. J. K. P. Daughtrey and W. N. Harrell, of the county, were in Suffolk to-day.

Colonel R. S. Boykin has gone to Isle of Wight county on business connected with making districts for census taking next year.

### HAMPTON.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS COWLES RESIGNS.**

Hampton, Va., Dec. 15.—The Hampton School Board met yesterday afternoon in the office of Schmeiz Bros. bank to take action on the resignation of Professor Dudley R. Cowles as principal of the Hampton public schools. The resignation was accepted and Mr. Cowles will be relieved of his duties January 1st.

It had been expected that the board would endeavor to persuade Professor Cowles to remain with the school until the close of the session, but as it was the earnest request of that gentleman it determined to relieve him at once. Mr. Cowles said he pressed the board into accepting the resignation in order that he might accept a more lucrative position, which awaited him when this action was accomplished. It is understood that Professor Cowles will take a position as Southern manager for a large Northern publishing house.

At the meeting yesterday only two members were present, they being Chairman H. L. Schmeiz and Captain J. W. Richardson.

It is not known who the board will select to succeed Prof. Cowles, but it is generally believed that Assistant Principal John Elliott will be tendered the position. Mr. Elliott is a graduate of William and Mary College and one of the brightest young men that ever left that historic old institution. He has been associated with Prof. Cowles in the management of the school this year and is perfectly familiar with every branch of the work. There is no doubt but that Mr. Elliott would make an acceptable principal to the teachers and patrons should the board see fit to elect him. In speaking of the election of a new principal a prominent member of the board stated yesterday that it was very probable that Mr. Elliott would be asked to take the place.

### WILLIAMSBURG.

**WASHINGTON'S DEATH COMMEMORATED AT W. & M.**

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the chapel of William and Mary College, appropriate exercises in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington were held. The exercises consisted of an address on "Washington in the Time of War" by James Hurst; "Washington as a Churchman," by Robert Hughes, Jr., of Norfolk, and "Washington as a Planter," by J. Taylor Thompson, John Leslie Hall, acting president of the college, then delivered a short but exceedingly brilliant speech, which was greeted with much applause by the students. Mr. Hall concluded his remarks by saying that in his opinion the three greatest men that ever were produced by the English race were Alfred the Great and Virginia—two illustrious sons, George Washington and Robert E. Lee. As a tribute to General Lee the students showed their approval by long and loud clapping of the hands and cheering.

It will be remembered that it was this same old college of William and Mary, so dear to all Virginians, that

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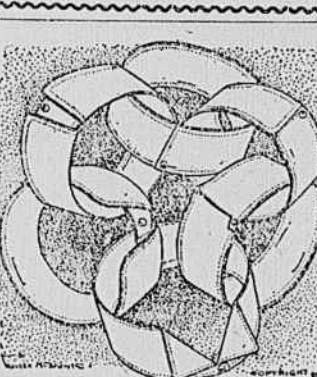
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gave Washington his first commission as a surveyor. It was Washington who was persuaded to become the chancellor of the college after the revolution. In the letter of acceptance Washington paid a high tribute to the college.

Some time ago a movement was started to take notice of the one hundredth anniversary of his death, and the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee Universities were asked to join in the movement. Both declined to take any notice of the anniversary of his death. It is to be regretted that the very college that Washington founded would not even take notice of his death. Such an action plainly shows that the faculty and officers of that college are wholly wanting in respect for Virginia's most illustrious son.

But old William and Mary did not forget the man who had so distinguished himself and honored his Alma Mater. For what the other universities lacked William and Mary more than made up. The action of this college has been highly commended by the citizens of Williamsburg.

### ROANOKE.

**TO BUILD A CITY HOSPITAL—PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 15.—The Norfolk and Western's contribution to the city hospital organization is a large and handsome brick building near Crystal Springs, which was built during boom days for a hospital, but never completed. The company will also spend about \$5,000 putting it in good condition.

Travel is so heavy on the Norfolk and Western that a double-header is used on the passenger train from this city to Christiansburg.

The Red Men of Vinton celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington last night, while it was celebrated in this city by the Dr. O. U. A. M.

Councilman Fishburn, of this city, has raised a turnip in his garden weighing eleven pounds.

Judge Lee, of Franklin, had a narrow escape from death several days ago. His buggy came into collision with a runaway team, and he was thrown out on the tongue and carried for a half mile.

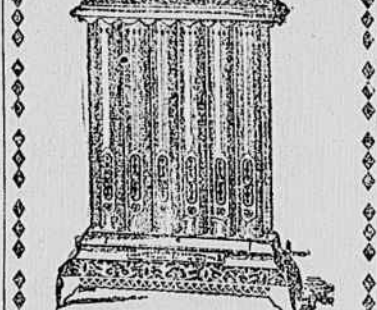
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